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1. In early April 1947 the Soviet Consulate in Harbin received an order from Moscow stating that all able-bodied Soviet citizens (including former White Russians) between the ages of 18 and 35 living in Manchuria and holding no particular positions would be repatriated to the USSR, and should be so informed. In mid-April Soviet Consul Ivanov ordered the Soviet People's Associations in all the Chinese Communist territory, including Mutanchiang (129-37, 44-35), Gniamussu (130-21, 46-49), Tsitsihar (123-57, 47-22), Suifenho (131-09, 44-23), Manchouli (117-27, 49-36), and Hailar (119-44, 49-13), to check up on all Soviet citizens. The first group to receive the order to return to the USSR was comprised of about 350 persons. Many of the persons in this group, although not willing to go, were forced to do so. They were permitted to dispose of their private properties or turn them over to other individuals for safekeeping or management. This group left for the USSR on 29 April 1947.
2. Each Soviet citizen in Harbin has been given a document, on the right side of which is his identification, and on the left side his travel permit. This applies also to former White Russians. Whenever a Soviet citizen wishes to make a journey he must first fill out a questionnaire which includes such items as the reasons for the trip, destination, time required, etc. All such permits are handled by the Soviet Consulate; the Chinese Communist government has nothing to do with them.
3. The offices of the Third Soviet People's Association in Harbin are on the premises of the Churin Company.

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4. In May 1947 thirty-five White Russians arrived in the besieged city of Changchun from Harbin. In accordance with an order issued by the Changchun Police Bureau on 14 July 1947, these people were expelled from the city and are now on their way back to Harbin (? end of July). According to official news from the Police Bureau, they have reached Tachiaokou (125-49, 44-38); however, an official order has been received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs permitting their return to Changchun.

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